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FOR:

SEQUENCE-DETERMINED DNA FRAGMENTS AND

CORRESPONDING POLYPEPTIDES ENCODED THEREBY

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 25, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued August 24, 2001, the period for response having been extended by three (3) months to February 24, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE TITLE

01 FC:203 Please replace the title with the following new title: -- SEQUENCE-DETERMINED DNA-FRAGMENTS, CORRESPONDING POLYPEPTIDES ENCODED THEREBY AND

CONSTRUCTS AND RECOMBINANT HOST CELLS CONTAINING SAME--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim:

51. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence which encodes an amino acid sequence exhibiting at least 65% sequence identity to

an amino acid encoded by

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